

HOUSE RESOLUTION 227

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to recognize Master Sergeant Charles W. Carter, United States Air Force, for his outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, the this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize members of the armed forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant (MSgt) Charles W. Carter of the United States Air Force is one such outstanding individual who since 1984 has served this Nation in both peace and war with great valor, professionalism, and dedication to duty, earning a much-deserved retirement on February 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, born on April 14, 1965, Charles Carter spent his formative years in Knoxville, graduating from Austin-East High School in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Charles Carter enlisted in the Air Force on February 14, 1984, and, after completing basic training and a rigorous six-week Inventory Management Apprentice Course, he began his illustrious military career at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia; skillfully serving as a War Readiness Spares Kit Clerk, he supported F-4 Phantom Fighter aircraft on deployments to Korea and Denmark; and

WHEREAS, a capable leader, MSgt Carter reported to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska in 1986 and served with acumen and alacrity as the Mission Capable verifier and unit training specialist in the 343rd Supply Squadron; and

WHEREAS, from 1989 through 1996, MSgt Carter tirelessly provided supply and communications support as a Supply Systems Analyst at bases in Maryland, Korea, and Japan, where he was responsible for the daily operation of the UNISYS 1100/92 mainframe computer system and the Remote Processing Station for the Chief of Supply; during this time, he also

ably served as the Batch Production Scheduler in Korea and Japan, as well as the Terminal Security Manager in Japan; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2000, Charles Carter was reassigned to the Pacific Air Forces Postal Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan; not only did he diligently supervise and monitor the movement of U.S. military mail by American and foreign airlines, but he also managed the processing of over twenty-four million pounds of mail for over 91,000 United States government personnel, family members, and all U.S. military services stationed in Japan; and

WHEREAS, after a highly successful year at Osan Air Base, Korea as the Lead Postal Supervisor, in December of 2004, MSgt Carter was assigned to the 82nd Communications Support Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, where he expertly provided postal operational, major command training, and policy and procedural oversight for over eighty activities in sixteen countries and in support of over 197,000 deployed service members; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2006, Charles Carter was reassigned to the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt as the Postmaster; displaying the dedication and determination for which he is well known, MSgt Carter organized and directed a team of ten civilians as they carried out postal operations at six sites throughout Egypt; and

WHEREAS, MSgt Carter's final tour on active duty is in a challenging but coveted position at the Military Postal Service Agency in Alexandria, Virginia, where, because of his unquestionable integrity and unsurpassed leadership abilities, he was selected to serve as the Postal Operations Finance Manager and tasked with ensuring the accurate and timely processing and reporting of Military Postal Service financial transactions to the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, during his notable service with the United States Air Force, MSgt Carter has garnered a number of decorations, including the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and numerous unit, campaign, and service awards; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of MSgt Carter can only be categorized as outstanding, and his courage and competence are unquestioned; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Master Sergeant Charles W. Carter on his outstanding career with the United States Air Force, praise him for his dedication to his country, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.